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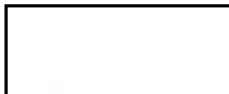
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11 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: NRP (Satellite) Schedule

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Chairman, USIB, from Director, NRO, same subject, dated 13 September 1962

In response to your request in the reference memorandum for comments on the satellite schedule for the remainder of Calendar Year 62, the United States Intelligence Board has approved a report by its Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance which recommends the schedule with the following qualification on A-8:

Because there was some question as to how late ARGOH could be used effectively to obtain geodetic position information in the USSR, the Defense Intelligence Agency was requested to submit a study on this aspect. Based on this study, it appears that good information can be obtained on the USSR this year until 9 November. COMOR therefore recommends that the firing date for A-8 be permitted to slide as late as 5 November but not later. COMOR further recommends at any time a determination is made that A-8 cannot be fired by 5 November, a CORONA package be substituted as soon thereafter as possible. COMOR notes that geodetic position data can be obtained in the southern hemisphere, although not the USSR, after 9 November but considers that this much less important than obtaining the intelligence information which could result from a CORONA package.

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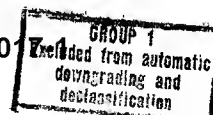
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